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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING EXTENSIBLE  
NETWORK-ATTACHED SECONDARY STORAGE

Group: 2171

Examiner: E. P. Leroux

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 27, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.